

DATE: March 3, 2011

TO: Council Members

FROM: Linda Roberts, Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 415** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 87 West Quasset Road, Woodstock, Connecticut.

I. Introduction

This application is from Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a 150-foot telecommunications facility and associated equipment at 87 West Quasset Road in the Town of Woodstock, Connecticut. The tower would be located on a 29-acre parcel in the southwestern portion of Woodstock.

II. Technical

The application includes relevant maps, descriptions of the proposed site, costs, a description of the environmental effects of the proposed construction, and health and safety information.

III. Administrative Review/Completeness

The applicant has stated that all service and filing requirements pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50l (b) have been fulfilled. The applicant stated that notice to the general public was published in the Norwich Bulletin.

IV. Procedural

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission Declaratory Ruling, the Council has 30 days from the date of receipt to determine if the application is complete. The application meets statutory technical requirements for processing. Council staff believes additional information can be obtained through pre-hearing interrogatories. This project would not require an outside consultant.

Upon determining the application complete, the Council must schedule a hearing for the proceeding between 30 and 150 days after receipt. The Council must also appoint a custodian of the docket and designate a place for the deposition of the transcript. Staff recommends designating Carriann Mulcahy as custodian of the docket, holding the public hearing in the Town of Woodstock on Thursday, May 26, 2011, and depositing the transcript in the Woodstock Town Hall.

V. Proposed Schedule

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| Application received | January 28, 2011 |
| Completeness review | February 25, 2011 |
| Pre-hearing Questions | <i>(Tentative dates)</i> |
| • Set-One Filed | March 10, 2011 |
| • Set-One responses due | March 31, 2011 |
| • Set-Two Filed | April 6, 2011 |
| • Set-Two responses due | April 27, 2011 |
| Pre-hearing conference (11:00 a.m.) | April 6, 2011 |
| Final Exchange of Interrogatories between Participants | May 12, 2011 |
| Pre-filed testimony due | May 19, 2011 |
| Deadline to request Party/Intervenor status | May 19, 2011 |
| Field review (2:00 p.m.) | May 26, 2011 |
| Hearing (3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) | May 26, 2011 |
| Close of Record | June 27, 2011 |
| Draft Findings of Fact | July 14, 2011 |
| Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion & Decision & Order | To be determined |
| Deadline for Decision | July 27, 2011 |

Siting Analyst: Robert Mercier

c: Carriann Mulcahy, Connecticut Siting Council